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KENNEDY'S TEN  
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At a time when the West is not making spectacular headway in diplomatic contacts with Russia, the publication of the Kennedy interview in a leading Moscow paper comes as a cheerful change. For not only is this the first report of an interview with an American president to be so published but it is also one of the rare occasions that Russia has given a leading Western statesman a chance to address himself to the people on East-West problems.

The uniqueness of the opportunity is certainly a breakthrough, though whether it heralds a loosening of the strict censorship of Western viewpoints is doubtful. Nor must it be forgotten that this concession on the part of the Soviet authorities has so far been extended to only a small and sophisticated community of Muscovite readers of Izvestia who should be able to repeat the Soviet counter-arguments like well-trained parrots.

EVEN so President Kennedy received no carte blanche. The Soviet editor permitted himself a number of long interjections presumably lest Mr Kennedy's view seemed too persuasive. And in contrast to the publicity Mr Khrushchev and his associates receive in Western newspapers and magazines, the latest Soviet gesture must be measured in molecular proportions.

Having said all this, however, there are one or two observations that should be made. Publication of the interview was obviously approved by Mr Khrushchev himself who has shown slightly less bellicosity in recent months over Berlin since Mr Kennedy took a more determined stand. Since then the Russians have also agreed to resume nuclear test ban negotiations though their initial proposals promise no early success. These developments will give pleasure to those who enjoy compiling diplomatic balance sheets.

THE latest gesture may also be construed as another backhand slap at the Kennedy-hating Peking leaders who have not minced words with Russia recently over its "soft" attitude to the West in foreign policy matters. But these are incidental observations that may act as added solaces to the essentially trivial gesture that the Russians have made.

We are all for improving East-West relations and acknowledge this as a unique event but let us not be beguiled by a regime which specialises in throwing out crumbs disguised as loaves of bread. Mr Khrushchev's moods of benevolence are always suspect and there is no reason to attach too much significance to his latest stunt. We do however extol the eloquence, mildness and balance of the American President's remarks. If anything could strike a sympathetic chord in Russian hearts his well-measured statements stand a good chance of doing so.

# Assistant Superintendent of Police deported JOHN TSANG SPY CASE ENDS

## HK Govt probe into espionage ring completed

Hongkong's counter-intelligence agents this morning completed their investigations into a Colony clandestine espionage ring when former Assistant Superintendent of Police, Mr John Tsang, and four other Chinese men were escorted to Lowu border and deported to China.

Mr Tsang, 37, was arrested on a warrant under the Deportation of Aliens Ordinance on October 3 and has been detained since at the Chatham-road Camp.

At the time of his arrest he was Deputy Commandant of the Police Training School.

A Government spokesman gave the following statement to the China Mail today:

### No others involved

"Investigation of the John Tsang case has now been completed.

"This case involved espionage, and four men in addition to Tsang were concerned.

"Their names were: Cheung Wa-pan, Chan Tak-fai, Chan Pak-shing and Lai Hui-kwong.

"None of these men, with the exception of Tsang, had any connection with the Hongkong Government.

"No other persons were involved.

"All five men were deported via Lowu this morning.

"Twenty-one other men, in no way connected with those deported today, are still detained under the Deportation of Aliens Ordinance on suspicion of espionage activities in the Colony. They have no connection with the Hongkong Government.

"Their names are Ting Chung-kong, Cheung Ah-ling, Chan Tak-man, Yu Keng, Wong Kin-kung, Ng San, Cheng Ching-chuen, Lau Hok-yu, Hung Him, Li Chuen-cheuk, Chiu Hing, Fu Chun, Pun Yuk-chun, Hon Pik-kwong, Cheung Fu-yan, Cheng Ching-to, Chan Cho-hong, Yu Kong-lau, Yam Sai-ping, Ka Pak-to and Ko Wing-ka.

"It would be contrary to public interest to disclose any further details about either group of men."



John Chao-Ko Tsang

### RADIOACTIVITY

No contamination of aircraft on Pacific routes

Tokyo, Nov. 30. Commercial airline officials tonight said they knew of no contamination by radioactive fallout of aircraft flying Pacific air routes.

The Japanese government's radioactivity counter-measure headquarters this week said radioactivity in rain and dust had declined in Japan since November 5 to 7 when it reached its peak for the month. —Reuters.

### RECORD WIN

Brighton, Nov. 29. A Brighton man has had a record win of £135,393 in the Littlewoods twopenny treble chance football pools. The man, who has asked for his identity to be kept secret, is middle-aged, semi-retired and married with two children. —AFP.

### ENGLISH PEOPLE AND THE LANGUAGE

United Nations, Nov. 30. With a bit of chagrin, Mr C. E. Diggines of Britain admitted it is well-known the English people can't speak English correctly.

His confession came in the U.N. Trusteeship Committee after Victorio Carpio of the Philippines pointed out that one of the operative paragraphs of a British draft resolution contained a plural subject and a singular verb.

"It is a well-known fact," commented Mr Diggines, "that the British people are unable to speak their tongue correctly. The syntax of the resolution bears this out fully," he concluded ruefully. —AP.

### SIX-DEGREE RISE IN TEMPERATURE

Hongkong experienced a rise of six degrees in temperature at noon today in comparison with the 73 degrees F at the same time yesterday.

Courts were taken off and air-conditioners went on in many offices and residences throughout the Colony.

The Royal Observatory said this afternoon that there was nothing abnormal in the weather that Hongkong has had in the last few days.

### NARCOTICS RAID

Yokohama, Nov. 30. Eighty persons were arrested yesterday in a police swoop on narcotics smuggling in this port city near Tokyo.

Nearby were 40 drug addicts and 40 drug dealers who reportedly made a profit of about US\$383,333 on drug transactions within the last five months. —AP.

### NEW PICTURE OF MARGARET'S BABY TAKEN BY HIS FATHER



The Earl of Snowdon (formerly Mr Anton Armstrong-Jones) returned to his former role of Royal photographer to take this study of Princess Margaret and their son, Viscount Linley.

This is one of a series of photographs taken by his father at Clarence House. —AP photo.

## Guardian rebukes a Cabinet Minister

London, Nov. 30.

A leading British newspaper today issued a sharp rejoinder to a senior Commonwealth Cabinet Minister who denied one of its reports.

The newspaper was the Guardian, formerly the Manchester Guardian, and the minister it rebuked was Mr Donald Fleming, the Canadian Finance Minister.

The Guardian stood by its report that the Canadian Finance Minister had received "leaked" information on a confidential speech given to the six Common Market countries by a British Minister, Mr Edward Heath.

### Denial

Yesterday, Mr Fleming denied the report — by the Liberal newspaper's Commonwealth correspondent Patrick Keating.

Today the Guardian printed Mr Fleming's denial and added in brackets underneath: "If Mr Fleming feels that phrases such as 'complete fabrication' and 'false in its entirety' can 'properly be used of our

Commonwealth correspondent's report he should think again. 'We have good reason to believe that our Commonwealth correspondent's report was correct.

"He stands by the whole of his report — Ed: Guardian".

Mr Fleming's statement issued by Canada House in London read in part:

"The article in the Guardian of November 28 so far as it relates to myself is a complete fabrication.

"It is statement that I knew almost the whole contents of Mr Heath's speech on October 10 before I arrived in London a week ago is false in its entirety.

"I have never seen the speech nor received any briefing on its content apart from the summary which the British Government issued to the Commonwealth Governments on October 10." —Reuters.

### Sir Winston is grumpy over 87th birthday



London, Nov. 30. Sir Winston Churchill—who loathes his own birthdays—is 87 today.

"He's feeling very fine," said a spokesman at his London home yesterday. "But he's a little grumpy about the anniversary. You know how he is about them." —AP.

### END OF A PERFECT PROJECT

Shelbyville, Tenn., Nov. 29. John Rowe built a nuclear fallout shelter here and civil defence experts have pronounced it perfect.

The model shelter attracted crowds eager to see how it worked. Mr Rowe obliged with a "demonstration" and fell down the escape hatch cracking several ribs. That was not all.

Mr Rowe took out an insurance policy for US\$10,000 in case anyone got hurt while inspecting his shelter.

Now he has found out it covered everyone except himself. —Reuters.

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# BRITAIN UNLIKELY TO SEE SURPLUS BALANCE NEXT YEAR

London, Nov. 30. Britain's balance of payments are now less likely to move into an overall surplus next year, the National Institute of Economic and Social Research said in its economic review today.

The review said this results from a slight scaling down of the expected increase in exports and a slight upward revision of the expected rise in imports.

"The balance of payments may probably stay roughly where it is now, with an approximate balance on current account but an overall deficit," the review said.

British exports can still be expected to increase, particularly towards the United States and western Europe, but they may not increase as much as expected to primary producing areas, with the exception of Australia.

## Huge inflow

Britain's repayment of a further \$140 million to the International Monetary Fund, announced today, on top of her all-time record purchase of nearly \$300 million of United States gold, announced last Friday, indicates that the inflow of money to London this month

must have been very large, possibly a record.

The figures for November are due to be published next Monday afternoon.

Britain drew \$1,500 million from the Fund on August 7, and had three to five years in which to repay it. Within four months she has already repaid \$420 million of it, \$280 million in dollars on October 31 and another \$140 million in Deutschmarks, French francs, and dollars by tomorrow.

The repayments become stand-by credits which Britain can draw again if the flow of money reverses. Just the same, they indicate remarkable British official confidence in sterling.

For one thing, Britain has to find nearly \$190 million for annual debt payments on December 31. For another thing, unless renewed, the stand-by credits can be drawn only until August 7 of next year, while the original drawing could have been held by Britain until 1966.

The Fund's direct help to Britain is working out as a direct help to the dollar.

## New York sugar

New York, Nov. 29. World No. 9 sugar futures today closed three points lower to two points higher with sales of 46 contracts.

World No. 8 futures closed one point higher to one point lower with sales of 99 contracts.

Domestic No. 7 sugar closed unchanged to one point higher with sales of 15 contracts.

The London spot price for world raw sugar was lowered three points to 2.34 cents a pound fob basis, reflecting offerings of Polish beet raw sugar.

Traders on both sides of the Atlantic were closely following the deteriorating domestic situation. This week's sugar developments in that country are felt to be bearish UPI.

The U.S. put up only 300 million of the \$1,500 million in August. Britain got 450 million in dollars because the Fund also bought \$150 million from the U.S. for gold.

Britain promptly deposited all the \$450 million in the United States, so that country was immediately \$150 million in the pound.

Since then, Britain has repaid 280 million and part of today's 140 million in dollars which the Fund routinely passes on to the U.S. Treasury.

Furthermore, a large part of the \$1,050 million which

London, Nov. 30.

Britain got from the Fund in August in eight other currencies must undoubtedly have been sold by the Bank of England to the United States for dollars.

The bank operates on the exchange market mainly in dollars, not in Japanese yen or Swedish crowns or Italian lire, or several of the other eight currencies.

Britain's bank rates, cuts at the beginning of October and again at the beginning of November were widely expected to reduce the inflow of money.

Instead, the inflow in October after the first bank rate cut was the largest for any month in more than 10 years. The inflow in November, after the second cut, may have been even larger.

December 46/9, option Antwerp-Hamburg range discharge 55-1, f.o.b. and trimmed with 19 days purposes.

Call to Japan, Wilke (motor), 812,500 tons, 5 per cent, heavy grain, December 18/30, \$10.60, with 1,000 discharge free UPI.

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## THE BALTIC EXCHANGE

London, Nov. 29.

The Baltic Exchange was made active today by a busy eastern section.

Australian grain charterers were prominent, fixing cargoes to the U.K. and continent at unchanged rates. Business included the Elton Statthaus from west Australia to the Antwerp-Hamburg range with wheat at 70/ and the motor vessel Trovaylor with 9,500 tons of oats to the U.K. at 82/6.

The Chinese booked another cargo of soybeans in bulk to Denmark at the unchanged rate of 56/9.

American grain markets were somewhat quieter and rates in a few cases continued to decline. The motor vessel Wilke was taken with grain from the Gulf to Japan at \$10.60, the last paid rate being \$10.75 on November 27.

The time charter section was quiet.

Western states Australia to Antwerp-Hamburg range, Elton Statthaus, 9,300 tons, 10 per cent wheat in bulk, ex sale, January 29/February 20, 70/.

Western states Australia to U.K., Trovaylor (motor), 9,500 tons, 5 per cent, oats in bulk, ex sale, February 1/28, 82/6, option barley in bulk, ex sale, 80/.

Dairen-Shanghai range to Copenhagen and/or Aarhus, vessel, 9,500 tons, 5 per cent, soybeans in bulk, 46/9, option Antwerp-Hamburg range discharge 55-1, f.o.b. and trimmed with 19 days purposes.

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## WORLD SHARE MARKETS

### WIDE ADVANCE ON SELECTIVE TRADING

Stocks moved ahead along a broad front yesterday of the stock market saw heavy trading yesterday.

### NEW YORK

Market sources said demand was selective but reached into most sections except shipping. The leaders often moved up, though their gains were small. Phillips 66 moved up 1/4, adding 2/8 to 200 shares. Unilever moved higher to 43 7/8.

**Oils strong**

Leading oils stayed on higher ground topped by Shell and Royal Dutch. Gold mines rushed ahead at first but soon lost steam. Mining, finance houses and several free state issues ended higher on the day.

De Beers were good in diamonds adding 2/6 to just above 144 shillings. Silver mine stocks followed the sharply higher prices for the metal in the bullion market and the U.S. sales suspension.

Coppers held firm but this were neglected.

Rubbers and teas drifted downwards, UPI.

Popular market indicators were nominally lower near the final bell with trading volume running more than 100,000 shares ahead of Tuesday and the high speed tapers lagging sporadically.

Suspension of Treasury stockpile sales, freeing the price of silver in a period of apparently rising demand and tight supply, fostered gains of up to three points in many of the white metal issues.

**Sharp rise**

Homestake Mining and International Silver which declared a special extra dividend — were up sharply following a gain of 5-6 cents to 100 3/4 in the New York spot silver price as quoted by Handy and Harman.

Among the blue chips, International Nickel, American Tobacco, Woolworth and Ford were ahead a point or more while Sears and Chrysler dipped more than one.

Allied and Eastman were weak in a soft chemical sector. Leading steels were mainly down fractions but Wheeling declined three after a dividend slash. American Snuff fell eight points in late trading, Polaroid fell about three and Collins Radio rose three.

Today's volume was 4,550,000 shares.

Of a total 1,320 shares traded, 528 were higher.

American Exchange Volume was 2,580,000 shares. Bonds volume amounted to \$7,630,000.

### Exchange rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollars (per \$1) 5.687

Sterling notes (per £1) 12.50

Australian notes (per £1) 12.50

Japanese yen (per 100) 1.25

Cambodia riel (per 100) 1.13

French franc (per 100) 1.33

Brazilian cruzeiro (per 100) 1.60

Argentine peso (per 100) 3.10

Korean won (per 100) 2.40

Italian lira (per 100) 6.85

Chinese J.M.P. (per 100) 0.44

Taiwan yen (per 100) 1.25

Thailand baht (per 100) 28.75

Burmese kyat (per 100) 5.50

Kashmir rupee (per 100) 7.20

Macao pataca (per 100) 0.950

Norwegian kroner (per 100) 7.65

Philippine peso (per 100) 1.20

Singapore Straits (per 100) 1.80

Swiss franc (per 100) 1.21

Netherlands guilder (per 100) 1.65

West German D-Mark (per 100) 1.41

Cuba peso (per 100) 0.80

### Prices cut

Bonn, Nov. 29.

A cut in its synthetic rubber prices by about five per cent was announced today by Buna Werke Huels in Marl, West Germany.

The company—one of the largest producers of synthetic rubber in Europe—said that the main type produced — "Buna Huels 150"—will now be priced at 211.50 marks per 100 kilos (224.50 marks previously) and that for "Buna Huels 302"—the most important oil containing type—172 marks per 100 kilos (181 marks previously).

This is the second cut in price this year. The company stated — "China Mail Special."

### Volume shoots up, prices firm

The volume of business shot up to \$8,360,000 this morning on the Hongkong Stock Exchange, bringing with it share rises on a broad front.

Yau-mat continued to surge forward, reaching \$131 before closing at \$129 this morning, compared with yesterday's close of \$125.

Hongkong Banks hit \$360 closing at \$358, compared with yesterday's \$352.

Doors remained firm, gaining \$1 at \$141.

Light and Electric stayed firm with some dealings at fractionally better price.

Wholesale and a little better at \$12 1/2 and \$12 1/4.

Power and rest were centred on Yau-mat and Lands.

### HONGKONG

This morning's quotations and prices were:

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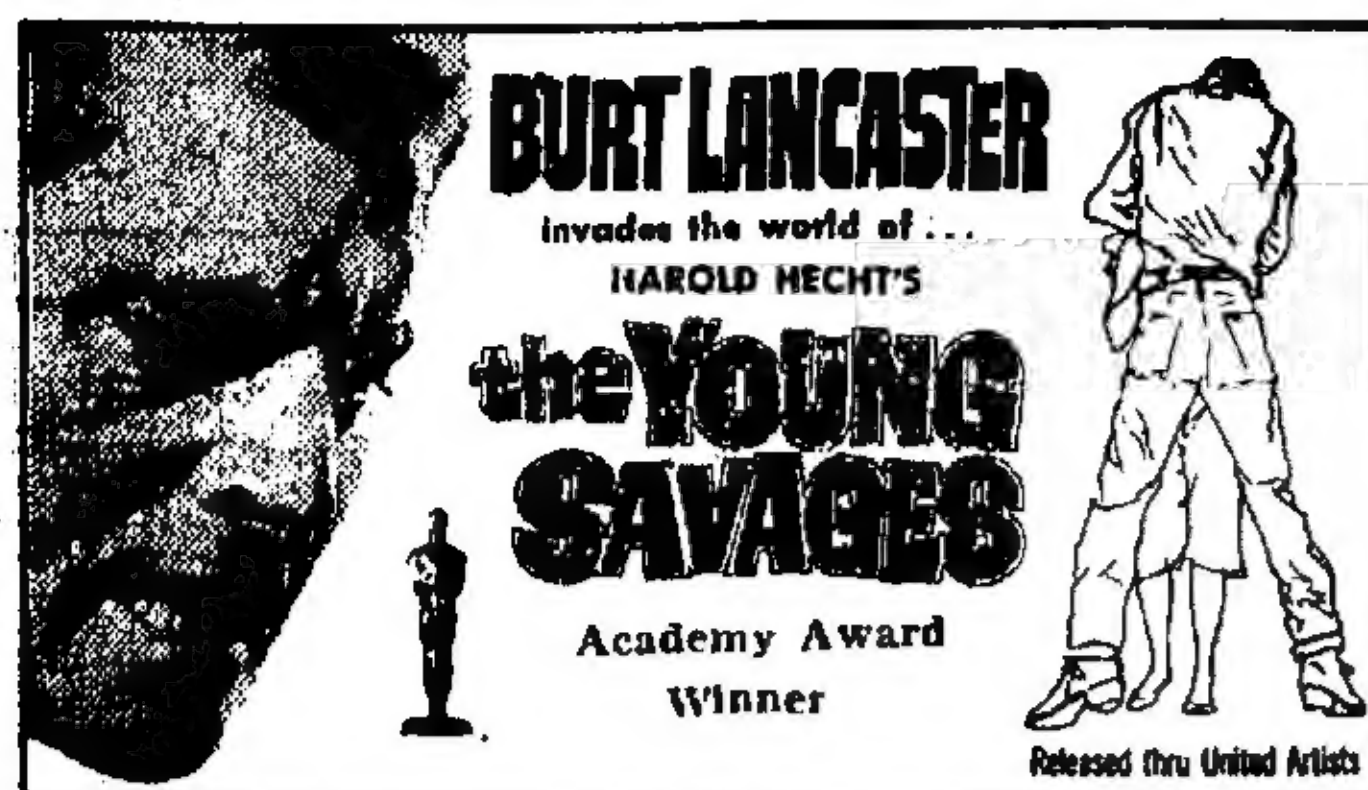


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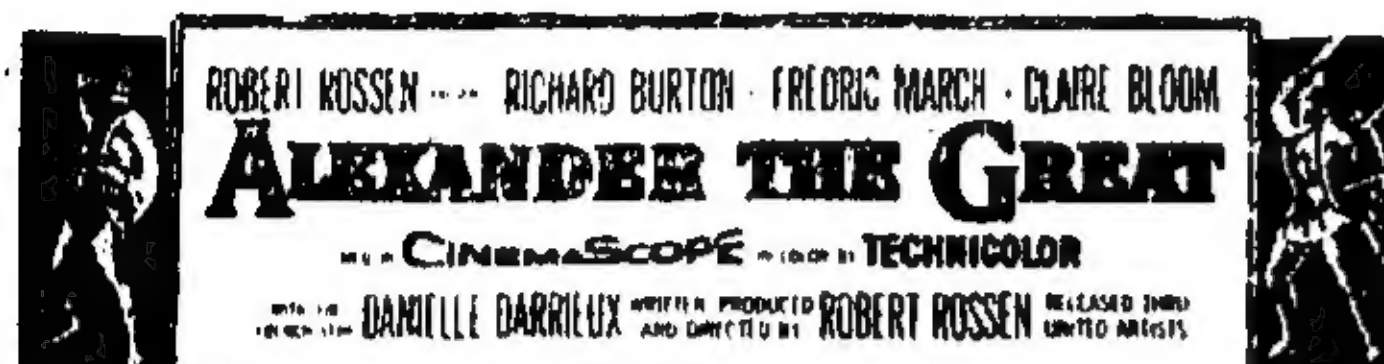
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At 2.30, 5.15, 7.20  
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## NEXT CHANGE



## 3 THEATRES SHOWING SIMULTANEOUSLY

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AT 2.30; 5.00; 7.20 & 9.40 P.M.Winner of the Awards for the "BEST PICTURE" and  
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To-day 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 &amp; 9.30

Never before has a human soul  
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frankly explored. A woman  
who was afraid to be loved!SHOWING TO-DAY  
AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30  
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"THE THIRD MOUNTAIN"— Next Change —  
"SUNDOWNERS"

## HONG KONG STAGE CLUB

## "FIVE FINGER EXERCISE"



ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL HALL

To-night (30th) and To-morrow (1st): 8 p.m.

Saturday (2nd): 9 p.m.

BOOKINGS AT MOUNTAIN

## CBF visits Royal Air Force



The Commander British Forces, Lieut General Sir Roderick McLeod, this morning paid a farewell visit to the Royal Air Force at Kai Tak. Shown (from left) are Wing Commander A. S. Mann, General McLeod and Air Commodore P. L. Donkin, AOC. Behind is Flight Lieut R. Ford, ADC to the AOC.—Staff photographer.

Independent  
air rights  
grantedLondon, Nov. 29.  
Independent British  
airlines have been granted  
licences to operate air  
services on 16 European  
and domestic routes  
already served by the  
state-sponsored British  
European Airways.The Air Transport Licensing  
Board yesterday also granted  
independent airlines licences for  
other routes not served by BEA.The seven-year licences will  
operate from April, 1963.The Board announced decisions  
on 72 applications after  
sitting for 18 days in the past  
seven weeks.British European Airways  
opposed about 80 of the inde-  
pendent applications and also  
applied for four new routes  
itself.All parties have the right of  
appeal to the Minister of Aviation,  
Mr Peter Thorneycroft.Only last week he reversed a  
decision of the Board which had  
granted a licence to Cunard  
Eagle — subsidiary of the  
Cunard steamship line — to fly  
the North Atlantic route in  
competition with Britain's other  
State airline, British Overseas  
Airways.—China Mail Special.Communist  
messages  
for TitoBelgrade, Nov. 29.  
Among a host of messages  
which arrived here today con-  
gratulating Yugoslav President  
Josip Tito on Yugoslavia's  
national holiday, were messages  
from Peking President Liu Chao-  
chi, and from the Soviet Union's  
two top leaders, Chief of State  
Leonid Brezhnev and Premier  
Nikita Khrushchev.Mr Liu's message was cool: "I  
have the honour to present to  
you and to the Yugoslav people  
my congratulations, in my name  
and in that of the Chinese  
people. I wish the welfare of  
the people of Yugoslavia."The terms of Mr Khrushchev's  
and Mr Brezhnev's messages  
were much more cordial, Mr  
Khrushchev said. "I hope the  
friendly relations between our  
countries will continue to be  
strengthened and to develop in  
every field, in the interest of  
peace in the entire world". —  
AFP.Demand for  
settlementLondon, Nov. 29.  
Britain has proposed to Russia  
that they should negotiate a  
settlement of outstanding finan-  
cial questions next April and is  
now awaiting her reply.Mr Peter Thomas, Foreign  
Under Secretary, told the House  
of Commons this today in reply  
to a question.Mr Edward Du Cann, a Con-  
servative, had asked particularly  
about British claims amounting  
to 20 million from the Soviet  
annexation of the Baltic States  
in 1940.Mr Thomas replied that the  
Government would be prepared  
to discuss the matter, but that  
the Government would not be  
bound by any deadline.League secretary  
to meet Colony's  
ex-servicemenAir Commodore B. J. R. Roberts (RAF retired),  
Secretary General of the British Common-  
wealth Ex-Services League, arrived in Hong-  
kong yesterday from Burma, to meet ex-  
servicemen in the Colony.On the last day of his stay  
in Rangoon the Air Commodore  
attended the party given in  
honour of Princess Alexandra  
by the Prime Minister, U Nu.He said today that with the  
temperature in Rangoon in the  
90's and high humidity, with  
no shade until the sun went  
down, the Princess sat through  
the ceremonies almost two  
hours long including a most in-  
teresting programme of Bur-  
mese songs and dances.Dr L. T. Ride and Mrs Ride  
are entertaining Air Commodore  
Roberts at University Lodge.Visiting Tsun Wan  
Shortly before 9 am today  
he was met there by Mr J. C. M.  
Grenham, President of the British  
Legion, Hongkong and by  
Major G. F. Doggett, Hon.  
Secretary.During the day the Air Com-  
modore will make a tour of the  
New Territories, visiting in  
Tsun Wan men who served with  
the Royal Hongkong Volunteer  
Defence Force and later suffered  
through sickness and ill-  
fortune.They have been resettled by  
the Hongkong Branch of the  
British Legion on smallholdings  
and poultry farms around  
Tsun Wan.

## Gurkhas too

Gurkha soldiers and their  
families in the New Territories  
will also be visited as the  
British Legion helps them in  
Hongkong and also makes con-  
tributions to their Gurkha  
Benevolent Fund for assistance  
to ex-servicemen in Nepal.This evening men who served  
with the Chindits and BAAG  
will be introduced at a party at  
the RHKDF Volunteers' Centre,  
followed by dinner at Aber-  
deen.London taxi  
strikeLondon, Nov. 29.  
London taxi-cab drivers de-  
cided today to call a 48-hour  
strike from midnight tonight.The drivers of London's tra-  
ditional box-like taxis are pro-  
testing against recent ap-  
pearance on the capital's streets of  
hundreds of miniature cars  
nick-named "minicabs" which  
are competing with them at  
cut price fares.About a thousand angry  
"cabbies" switched off their  
meters and drove to the open  
air speaker's corner in Hyde  
Park to vote for a show down  
in their "war" with the mini-  
cabs.—Reuters.

## James Bond

STAY FLEETING

BONDING BY JIM KELLY

GOLDFINGER ELABORATED ON HIS PLAN

FOR TAKING FORT KNOX

BY INSPECTING THE

WATER SUPPLY WITH A

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BY TWO OF HIS AGENTS

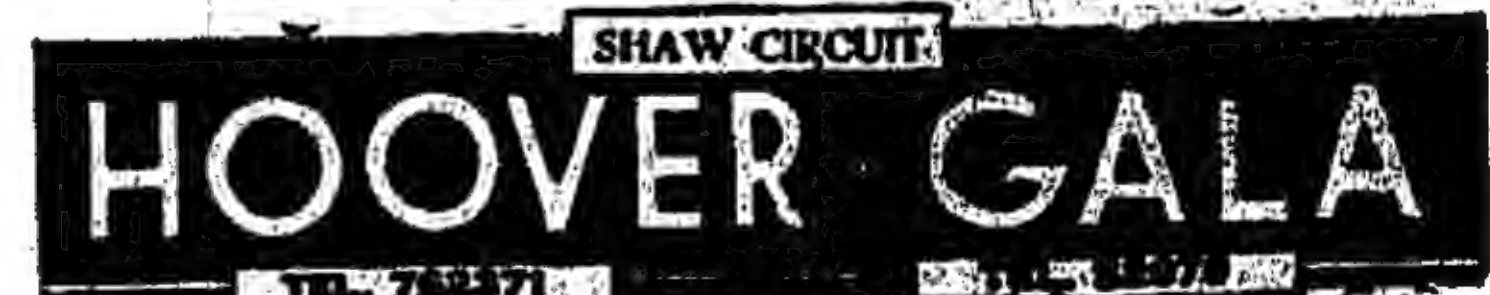
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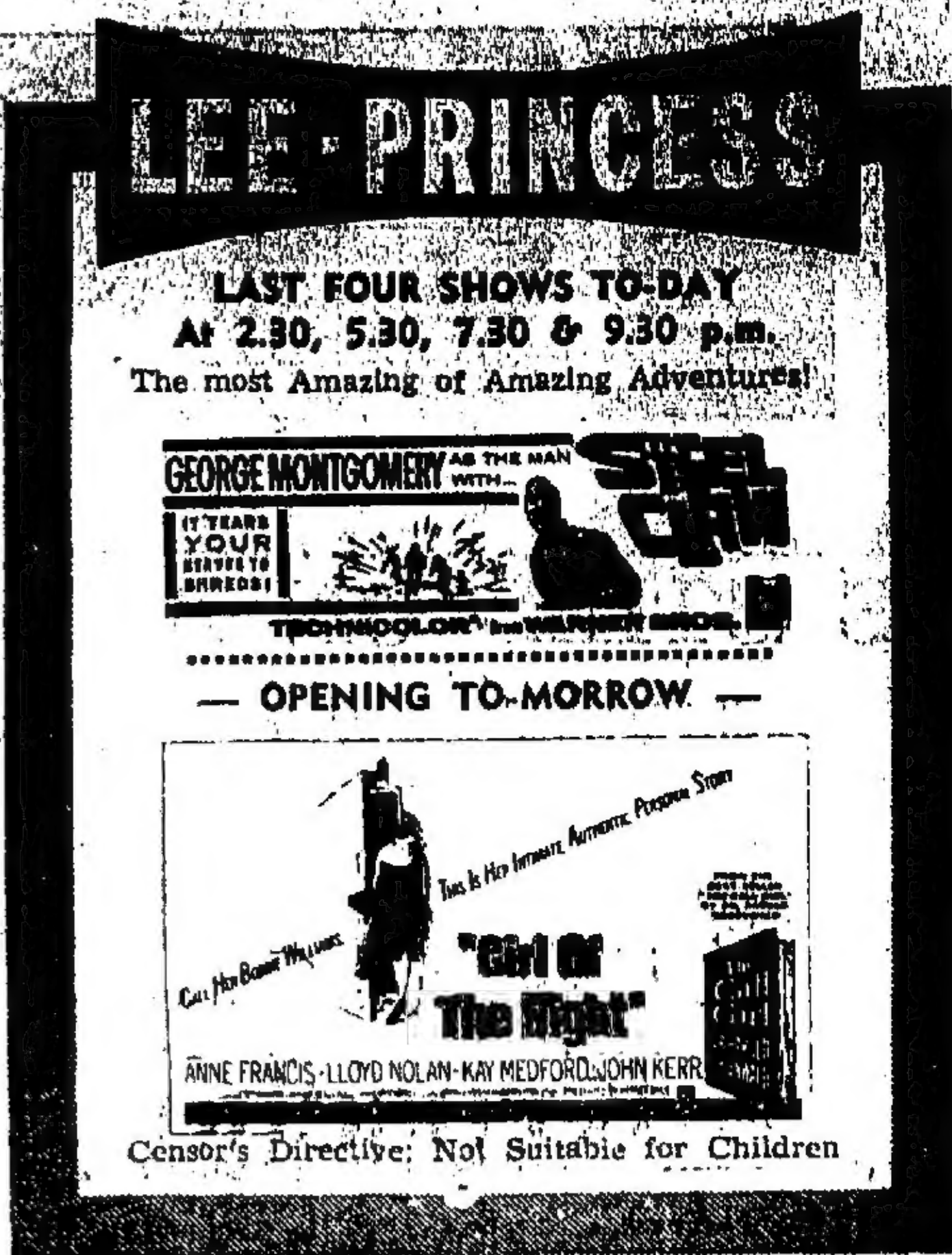
AN OFFICIAL VISIT

MALAYSIA  
WILL NOT  
JOIN  
POWER BLOCLondon, Nov. 29.  
Malayan Defence Minister  
Tun Abdul Razak told the  
British people today the  
proposed Malaysia Federa-  
tion would not join Seato  
or any other military bloc.Mr Razak appeared tonight on  
a filmed television programme.  
"Tell the World." He was ques-  
tioned by four students, one  
each from Singapore, Indonesia,  
Australia and the United States."We feel that with the help  
of the Commonwealth the coun-  
tries we can check the Com-  
munist..." Mr Razak said."We do not want to be tied  
up to a bloc..." he said. "We  
do not want to join Seato."Mr Razak left London for  
home early today.He made no direct mention of  
the future use of the Singapore  
bases. But he said the repre-  
sentation envisaged for the  
Singapore people in the new  
organisation was fair.He said the Malaysians had  
never declared they would join  
the Barisan Socialist.

## OTHER POINTS

But if there were Communists  
among them, "We will deal with  
the problem when the time  
comes," he said.Mr Razak also:  
● Promised that the Borneo  
territories would be developed  
along the same lines as the 11  
Federated States of Malaya.● Said the people of the  
Borneo territories may want to  
be protected against mass im-  
migration from Singapore, and  
that this is one of the problems  
still to be worked out.● Said he hoped the Dutch-  
Indonesian dispute over West  
New Guinea could be settled  
peacefully, but that the current  
conflict there would have no  
effect on the policy of Malaysia.  
—UPI.Fear of  
re-armed  
GermanyLondon, Nov. 29.  
Lord Silkin, Chairman of the  
Parliamentary Association for  
World Government, told a  
meeting here tonight that the  
Russians were "fearful almost  
to the point of obsession," of a  
re-armed West Germany.He said this impression was  
conveyed to him and his two  
fellow-delegates at a recent  
two-day session of talks on  
world government in Moscow.After two days of intensive  
talks with 24 leading Russians  
representing the Russian peace  
movement and the Russian  
Parliamentary Committee he  
was convinced the Russians  
were "passionately desirous of  
general and complete disarmament."Lord Silkin visited Russia  
with Mr Clement Davies,  
former leader of the British  
Liberal Party and Earl Attlee,  
former Labour Prime Minister  
of Britain.—Reuters.NOW PLAYING  
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WINNER OF 1961 CANNES FILM FESTIVAL AWARDS!

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AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30  
& 9.30 P.M.Mylene Demongeot  
Rosanna Schiaffino in  
"LUSTY NIGHT IN ROME"To-morrow At 12.30 p.m.  
"BETWEEN HEAVEN AND  
HELL"



## INTELLIGENCE REPORT

## ALBANIA—WHERE STALIN IS STILL ON A PEDESTAL

SLIGHTLY smaller than Wales and sandwiched between Greece and Yugoslavia, Albania is Russia's smallest and thorniest satellite — because it refuses to conform to Khrushchev's line, and dictator Enver Hoxha sees that Stalin is still revered.

## Khrushchev has to reckon with these women!

ALBANIA'S struggle is not just one by dictator Enver Hoxha to maintain the cult of Stalin's personality, whom Albanians continue to idolise against the wishes of Mr Khrushchev.

Khrushchev also has to deal with the Albanian women.

### Important

And this means three women bitterly opposed to present Soviet policies, who are no less important than their husbands.

The three women are: Nexme Hoxha, wife of the man who is Communist Party leader in name but dictator in fact, Fiqrete Shehu, wife of the Prime Minister, and Vito Kapo, leader of the Albanian women.

By  
**STEPHEN LOCHTIN**

All three are in their early forties. Nexme Hoxha is the best-looking. Vito Kapo is the toughest.

They went to school together. They were members of the Communist Party together when it was an underground movement.

Now they are members of the Central Committee of the Albanian Communist Party, holding important posts and wielding great influence behind the scenes.

Mrs Hoxha is director general of the Institute of Culture in the party's central committee.

Mrs Shehu is second secretary of party committees in Tirana. It is said that the Tirana police take orders from her before anyone else.

Mrs Kapo, the women's leader, looms especially large in this country where it is only 16 years since women of the largely Mohammedan country were emancipated.

The private lives of the three most important women in Albania are secret. Their homes are in a street of modern luxury villas in Tirana. Police watch to stop people who have no business there.

### Fear

But even the life of a powerful Albanian woman is not easy. She lives in fear.

First the fear that her husband may die by an assassin's bomb—still a favourite weapon in the Balkans. And second the fear that his end her careers may be ended by an equally deadly political rumour.

Enver Hoxha and Prime Minister Shehu are well protected against bombs by their army of policemen and informers.

It is the deadly rumour that may be Khrushchev's chief weapon in bringing about their downfall and that of their wives.

## 3 POINTS TO WATCH

SINCE the split appeared between Russia and Albania, three important questions have had to be considered by this satellite country... and by people in the West who have to forecast the future of the Communist empire:—

### WHERE

...is Albania's money to come from now its Russian source has dried up? China has promised \$45,000,000 to help the current five-year plan but this will not go far.

An important Albanian Government delegation is now in China negotiating for an increase in economic help.

### HOW

...is Albania to feed herself — and how can she maintain her communications with the outside world?

There is not enough home grown food and the Soviet air-lifts are still her only air link with the outside world. But first shipments of Canadian wheat have already been sent by China in the holds of West German tramp steamers.

### WHAT

...alternative is there to the regime of Enver Hoxha and where could it come from?

The only serious candidate for rival Albanian leader is former Albanian Communist general Panajot Plaku, a former member of the Albanian Central Committee. He fled to Yugoslavia in 1957.

The Albanian Government has several times accused him of organising attempts on the life of Enver Hoxha.

## RUSSIA ATTACKS ITS WHIPPING BOY

by COLIN LAWSON

THE most ruthless economic pressure is being brought to bear on tiny Albania by the Russian-dominated Communist world on direct orders from Mr Khrushchev.

The latest example of this was uncovered recently in Warsaw. Poland has abruptly confiscated a 15,000-ton cargo ship just completed in the shipbuilding yards of Gdansk, which was built for Albania.

A second ship nearing completion for dictator Hoxha's country is to be kept for the Polish mercantile fleet.

Make no mistake about this crisis within the Communist camp. Albania is being used as the whipping-boy for the main ideological quarrel between Russia and China.

### Struggle

Khrushchev, well seated in power, heads the anti-China faction. What is happening here and in Czechoslovakia and Hungary against little Albania mirrors the fundamental struggle between the two giants of the Communist world.

The seizure of Albania's ship is dismissed here under the legal phraseology, "Albania has not observed the clauses of her contract."

This hides the Albanians' ideological differences — which are supported by the Chinese. Thirty officers and men arrived in Gdansk from Albania to sail the 15,000-tonner away.

The Poles told them: "The ship is not available. Go back home."

At the same time, I learn, an Albanian order for machine tools was rejected by Poland. The excuse is that much more

important orders from Czechoslovakia and Hungary had to be completed.

### Fault

Not only this, but nearly 200 Albanian university students studying in Warsaw, who recently returned to Albania on vacation, have failed to return. Whose fault it is is an open question. I am unable to discover whether the Poles refused to re-admit them or whether the Albanians refused to allow them to return.

Khrushchev believes that he can do without the Chinese economically and that he can really bind Eastern Europe into an economic bloc which will effectively compete with the West.

The anti-Khrushchev group believes that a much bigger future for Communism lies in an all-in economic tie-up with the Eastern bloc and the Chinese.

It argues that the untouched potential of China must be added at all costs to the Russian-led world.

Khrushchev, on the other hand, maintains that the economic potential of Eastern Europe cannot wait for Chinese development.

And he has his eye on little Albania.

EVERYBODY in Albania is complaining about the harshness of police rule. The public takes its revenge by telling jokes about the low level of intelligence among policemen. In Tirana people ask each other:—

"Why do our policemen always have to patrol the streets in pairs?"

The answer is: "Because one can only read and another only write."

London Express Service

# Why can't Hollywood leave the Bible alone?

by

LEONARD MOSLEY

IF a Hollywood film producer had ever approached me and said he was about to make a full-scale epic about the life of Jesus Christ, my advice to him—without in any way being blasphemous—would have been:—

"For God's sake, don't."

A Super Technirama screen is not broad enough to contain a story and an idea which have enriched men's minds for nearly 2,000 years.

He believes that Jesus, once caught, will perform a miracle and free himself—thus showing the people of Israel that He is their all-powerful leader.

Did you think that Barabbas was a thief? On the contrary, says the film, Barabbas was a Jewish patriot, an underground movement.

There are a lot of other things about Jesus and his road to Calvary which you did not know until producer Samuel Bronston came along and made this film.

### Travesty

For this is not the greatest story ever told. It is a whooped-up extravaganza in which Biblical facts are twisted.

Did you imagine, for instance, that Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver?

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Altogether more than 15½ inches have fallen in and around Sydney in the five days and this makes it the wettest November in the 101 years the Weather Bureau has been keeping records.

In a cloudburst on the city, 2½ inches of rain fell in one hour. The Richmond and Windsor districts were very badly hit where about 1,800 people had to be evacuated from 350 homes, and several people lost their lives in flooded areas.

Damage in the Hawkesbury district is estimated at £1 million. In one instance a parked utility truck plunged into a hole 40 feet wide and 50 feet deep when the storm washed away the road, and a cottage was left hovering very close to the brink.

The gates of the Warragamba Dam automatically opened under flood pressure and brought the level of the water down by 6 feet, though at one time it was 9 feet over the top.

Byron Bay also northern New South Wales, eggs in Liverpool, New South Wales, flour in Sydney, and brandy and dried fruits in Mildura, Victoria.

He started his purchases in New South Wales and will finish in Victoria.

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### A fallout Noah's Ark

Mr R. C. Thomas, a Parramatta dentist, is preparing to build an atomic fallout shelter with room for 28 "most necessary people" in the form of an Ark.

Like Noah, he will use birds to determine the safety of leaving.

### All for a Xmas pudding

A German electrician from London, Mr Ernst Irving, arrived in Sydney this week by BOAC for the purpose only of buying all the ingredients for a Christmas pudding.

He won this trip as a prize in a TV quiz show in London, the conditions being that he had to buy the ingredients for a Christmas pudding or Australian sausage and his prize was to make and eat it.

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### Australian newsletter By EMH



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The whole thing will cost about £2,000. Mr Thomas, his wife and son will occupy three places and seventeen others will snake up the shelter in 200 very modern double Ark.

### Crocodiles alive!

MRS RUBY... crocodile... the third tie of... Club.

Her partner, Mr... what I heard... were being watched by a 12-foot man... from a place in the mangrove... away.

They kept a watch... the crocodiles... He... shoulder... the crocodiles...

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Again medical (and feminine) opinion is sharply divided.

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Another hospital, with 1,300 deliveries a year, takes preliminary precautions against this. "When a father expresses a wish to remain with his wife," they explain, "we insist on his seeing a film of the birth of a child first. After that, he generally changes his mind."

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Saw him salute. It seemed impossible, but Knarf was almost sure that he saw Sergeant Snowman lift his snowy fingers to his cap in a salute. The Sergeant had three stripes on his arm. He was big and solid and strong.

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♦ A 6		
♣ A 10 7 4 3		
<b>WEST (D)</b>	<b>EAST</b>	
♠ A K J	♠ 10 8 7 2	
♥ Q 9 3	♥ J 7	
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<b>SOUTH</b>		
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		552	QJ98
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AKJ	10872	AKJ	10872
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Both vulnerable		Both vulnerable	
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# Combined Chinese . . . 2, Swedish XI . . . 2 CHINESE, SWEDES CALL IT QUILTS

## Yiu Cheuk-yin turns back the clock with a fine display

By I. M. MacTAVISH

For the second time in their two-game series against the Combined Norrköping and Gothenburg visitors from Sweden the Colony's footballers lost a two-goal lead and in the end had to be satisfied with a rather shaky two-all draw.

From an entertainment point of view last night's game, which attracted 19,800 paying spectators to the Hongkong Stadium, was a great improvement — both in football and thrills — on the fare served up last Sunday.

Once again the local boys should have won with plenty to spare. They had their chances, didn't take them, and in the final stretch they came close to defeat. In fact only a couple of grand saves by stand-in goalkeeper Kwok Chow-ming saved the day. But endeavour rather than skill was the order of the night.

On the other hand, and to be quite fair to the Combined Chinese, they had cruel luck when a glorious late drive from a rejuvenated Yiu Cheuk-yin beat the defence, crashed against the junction of the post and bar and rebounded to safety. It was a shot fit to cap the brilliant three-man move which produced it and to use a popular colloquialism it deserved a better fate.

### Bad finishing

On this occasion, the visitors looked a much better side than they did on their first appearance on a Hongkong pitch. Certainly they seemed to be trying much harder to create a good impression and there can be no disputing the fact that some of their midfield work was very good, but, by exactly the same token, a lot of their finishing was bad and to be true.

This time they did have a personality or two in their line-up. Centre-half L. Nilsson had a grand game, young Björklund, who played at right-back in the first half and returned to his regular position at right-half after the interval, showed something of the form which has won him acclaim in his own country. He was always ready to come through for a shot, and it may be that he had more worthwhile tries at goal than the rest of the side put together.

Little Persson, who did the halfway switch with Björklund, also looked a much more attractive player than he did on Sunday but Johansson, the man with the big shot, was never in the picture from start to finish.

The same comment almost applies to Berndtsson whose performance on the right wing in the first game made him the star of the side. This time, apart from a delightful first half run he did little of note. He got a knock late on but his star was pretty dim long before that.

Of the others special mention should be given to Lindberg who did a very capable job in goal, Dahlberg, Martinsson, and skipper Nils Johansson.

### Full marks

Once again the Swedes played their drill-pattern soccer and over the piece they showed little understanding of the unexpected switch or the sustained individual burst. Let me say again they looked a more competent side than they did three days ago, but to get their performance in perspective it should be remembered that on this occasion they were up against a side which was far below Colony strength. In fact some of the players would probably be no more than second, third, or even fourth choice in a serious Hongkong selection.

Make no mistake about it. . . there was much to admire in this Combined Chinese side. Goalkeeper Kwok Chow-ming, in spite of being more than a little suspect when the second goal was scored, gets full marks for a grand display.

## Sports Diary

**TODAY**  
Basketball: St. Stephen's v. HKU (Yellow), CCC (Green)  
Combined Services Winter meeting at Fanling, 8 a.m.  
Annual Meeting, Shaoh O'Connell Club.  
Athletics: Committee Meeting, 8 p.m.  
Baseball: 1st Team v. 2nd Team, 8 p.m.  
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He did more than enough to cancel out any blame that might have been attached to his loss of the equaliser and one late save from Martinsson and another from a point-blank shot by Persson were gems of the goalkeeping art.

Lee Lai-kwong had a very satisfying debut in the big time and rather overshadowed Lee Kwok-wah who looked strange in a new and cumbersome.

Chen Fui-hung has played better many a time and his distribution was often at fault. The best thing that happened to the Combined Chinese forward line even if it seems rather cruel to say so, was the injury received by right-winger Au Pang-lin after half-an-hour of play. The little Tung Wah forward had been struggling the time by lying too far into the centre of the field and when he retired his replacement, Young Wai-to of Sing Tao, operated closer to the touchline and brought new life to the side.

### Like a Trojan

This time there could be little criticism of the work of Yiu Cheuk-yin. The inside-left grafted like a Trojan and some of his footwork and ball-control were delightful to see. His partner, Leung Wai-hung, had a disappointing game. He promised so much but apart from one grand run and cross in each half he did very little, but that was in major part due to the intelligent tackling and interceptions of Dahlberg.

That leaves Lau Chi-lam who toiled hard for not a great deal of reward and Lee Tak-wai, a promising young centre-forward who filled rather miserably to make the most of this fine opportunity. It was no surprise when he was taken out of the side under the 'old pais' act at half-time to make way for Kwok Moon-wah.

The pitch looked to be in pretty good condition when play began and if a Leung Wai-hung run and shot gave the fans their first big shout it was the visitors who enjoyed the early superiority. Both goalkeepers had chances to show their ability and each in turn did so very well indeed but it was not until the 26th minute that the fans got a really enthusiastic roar in their throats. Hongkong forced a corner, and Leung Wai-hung swept a swerving ball close to the face of the cross bar. Everybody missed it. It carried wide but when Au Pang-lin returned the ball into the goalmouth Yiu Cheuk-yin banged it inches over the top and then beat his head in personal disgust.

### Yeung scores

Steadily they got on top and when Yeung Wai-to came into the side it took him just seven minutes to find the net. In the 37th minute he chased a long through pass and as the goalkeeper advanced to block the attack, Yeung showed tremendous calm when he lifted a beautiful shot over the goalkeeper's shoulder into the net. The fans loved every minute of it.

This stirred the Scandinavians and they fought back well. As the referee lifted his whistle to blow for half-time Berndtsson blazed one just inches over the bar. The visitors brought Martinsson into the side after the interval and he certainly added life to the proceedings. The Swedish players were really on top but they simply could not break down the local defence. In the 85th minute the Combined Chinese began to come back into the picture and were seen on the goal

trail after several spectacular misses. The big chance arose from a free-kick after a foul by Johansson on Lau Chi-lam. The kick was taken very quickly and before the visitors could recover Kwok Moon-wah had the ball in the net and the Chinese immediately lost their grip.

### Equaliser

Martinsson struck back quickly for the visitors and in the 59th minute he scored a fine goal after Lee Kwok-wah had failed to clear his lines. It took the Swedes 15 minutes to snatch the equaliser but it was a grand if tragic goal when it came. The ball travelled from Björklund to Martinsson, to Berndtsson, back to Martinsson and from a very narrow angle the centre drove it into the net but oh, Kwok Chow-ming's position.

In the 75th minute Yiu Cheuk-yin's great shot hit the post and the game deteriorated steadily as both sides adopted a defensive rule apparently on the basis that a draw was better than nothing at all.

**Verdict:** A good entertaining and often thrilling game from two very ordinary but hardworking sides. A special bouquet goes to Yiu Cheuk-yin for delaying the progress of time a little longer.

### The teams

Combined Chinese: Kwok Chow-ming, Lee Lai-kwong, Kwok Moon-wah, Chen Fui-hung, Au Pang-lin, Yeung Wai-to, Lau Chi-lam, Lee Tak-wai (Kwok Moon-wah), Yiu Cheuk-yin, Leung Wai-hung.  
Swedish XI: Lindberg, Dahlberg, Ekroth, Persson, Nilsson, N. Johansson, Björklund, Berndtsson, Martinsson, B. Johansson, Knutsson.  
Referee: Mr. Lee Kan-chi.

London Express Service.

## PRE-FIGHT VICTORY FOR PATTERSON

Toronto, Nov. 29. World heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson scored a pre-fight victory today when Ontario Athletic Commissioner Merv McKenzie ruled the automatic eight-count will be used on Monday night in Patterson's title defence here against Tom McNeely.

It has been the custom of boxing commissioners virtually everywhere to waive the automatic eight-count in case of a knockdown for title fights. But McKenzie stressed today that it now is the preference of the National Boxing Association as expressed at its 1960 and 1961 conventions to have the eight-count prevail.

McNeely, of Arlington, Massachusetts, and manager Pete Fuller had objected vigorously to the inclusion of the mandatory eight-count. They claimed since he is a champion who has been knocked down at least once in most of his title bouts.

### Six-ounce gloves

The Commissioner made the announcement just before a medical examination of both champion and challenger by Dr. Thomas Flommerfelt at the headquarters of the Commissioner.

McKenzie announced also that six-ounce gloves will be used. This was considered a triumph for McNeely, since Patterson and manager Cus D'Amato would have preferred eight-ounce gloves.

Scoring by a referee and two judges will be on the "five-point-must" system in which the winner of a round gets five points and the loser a lesser number.

The Commissioner emphasised in his announcement that the bout can be stopped because of injuries, particularly by face cuts.

If a cut is caused by a punch, the decision will be awarded to the boxer delivering the punch. But if the cut is caused by an intentional butt, the decision will be awarded to the injured boxer, which means that the championship could be won on a foul.

However, if the cut were caused accidentally the referee could declare the bout a draw. —UPI.

This is \$500,000 (\$178,000) less than the gross amount for the third Patterson-Ingemar Johansson fight in Miami in March. A \$200,000 (\$71,400) total live gate is forecast, though advance sales of \$98,000 (\$23,200) are less than expected. Film and radio rights should bring in \$750,000 (\$237,700). Told that he was rated a 10 to one underdog in Las Vegas betting circles, McNeely said, "Is that all? I thought the odds would be bigger than that."

"Oh well, it means my friends will win less money than they expected," —Reuter.

## UK soccer results

London, Nov. 29. Results of football matches played in Britain tonight were:

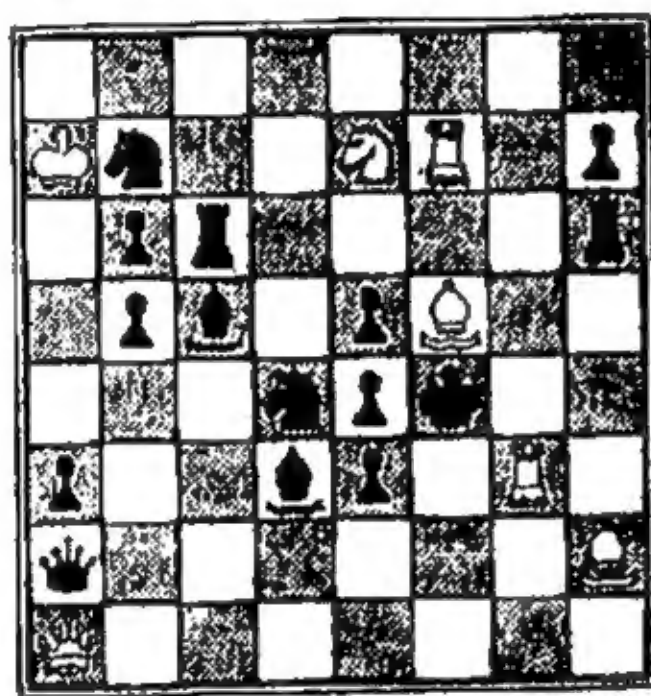
**FA CUP**  
Second round replay: Oldham 4, Chesterfield 2. (After extra-time. Winners away to Bristol Rovers in third round.)

**INTER-CITIES FAIRS CUP**  
Second round — first leg: Sheffield Wednesday 4, Roma 0.

**FRIENDLY MATCH**  
Norwich 2, Belgrade SC 1. —Reuter.

## CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



Here is a problem by K. A. K. Larsen (Good Companions, 1920). White to play and mate in two moves.  
Solution No. 6143: 1 Q-R8 ch, Q-B1 (if 1... K-R2; 2 R-QB3, Q-Q2; 3 Q-KB8); 2 R-P ch, KxR; 3 P-R6 ch, K-K1; 4 P-R7 ch wins.

London Express Service.

## MCC's India tour reaches halfway mark with tomorrow's second Test

PROMISE OF BRIGHT CRICKET STILL UNFULFILLED

Kanpur, Nov. 29.

With only one result in eight matches the MCC's indecisive tour of India and Pakistan reaches its halfway mark here on Friday with the opening of the second Test against India.

The promise of bright cricket made at the start of the tour has not been fulfilled, with the exception of the young Nawab of Pataudi's bold declaration at Hyderabad which enabled MCC skipper, Ted Dexter, to snatch his only tour win.

No teams have yet been named for the second Test. This is a wise move as neither captain knows what tricks the newly-laid turf wicket at the Green Park Stadium here can throw up.

### Likely new caps

Two years ago Richie Bonaldi's talented Australians met India on this green puzzle, and became entangled with Jasu Patel's off-spin to crash to a 119-run defeat.

But now India are without the supple-fingered Patel — whose nine wickets for 69 in Australia's first innings constitute an all-time Indian Test record. But they have included in their 14 probabilities the leg-spinner Shubhas Gupta in the

hope that he can match Patel's performance with some aid from the wicket. Likely new caps on either side are Peter Parfitt, of Middlesex, for England, and Pataudi and Farooq Engineer for India.

Pataudi, who has said that he is available for the Indian tour of the West Indies next March probably made sure of his place with his dashing innings of 70, including 11 boundaries, for the President's eleven at Hyderabad.

In the same match Parfitt hit an unbeaten 84, and then bettered that on the eve of this second Test with a brilliant, undefeated 166 against the Central Zone team at Nagpur when the MCC collected a massive first innings total of 405 for three wickets.

Indications are that the pace-man Brown will be dropped for Parfitt and this would mean that Dexter would share the new ball with D.R. Smith. Brown has shown himself comparatively ineffective so far on the tour.

The alternative is that G. Pullar be dropped, as he is not a hundred per cent fit, and Brown retained.

The England team is likely to be: P. E. Richardson, G. Pullar or A. Brown, K. F. Barrington, M. J. Smith, E. R. Dexter, P. Parfitt, R. W. Barber, J. T. Murray, D. A. Allen, G. A. R. Lock, D. R. Smith.

### Problems

India's selectors face extensive problems. They have a major decision in whether or not to drop tiny Ramakant Desai, India's only genuine pace man.

At Bombay—where he was said to be not fully fit—he was not as impressive as the medium-pace bowler Vasant Rane who came in at the last minute for the injured Umrigar.

Although Desai has been impressive against poor opposition in recent Indian cricket championship matches it may be decided to rest the pace man and open the bowling with Umrigar and Ranjane.

Besides Pataudi the new Indian cap may be Farooq Engineer of Bombay, India's safest and most spectacular wicketkeeper who was unfit for the Bombay match. His stand-in behind the stumps, Kundaram, started shakily, dropping two catches which were worth nearly 250 runs.

But Kundaram went to set the Indian record for five dismissals in an innings. Thus

## SCOTLAND OUT OF WORLD CUP

### Beaten 4-2 by Czechs after extra-time

Brussels, Nov. 29.

Czechoslovakia twice fought back from being a goal down to beat Scotland 4-2 after extra-time in their World Soccer Cup Preliminary Group play-off here today. The score after 90 minutes was 2-2.

Czechoslovakia needed only a draw in this match to qualify for a place in the finals in Chile next year as they had the better goal average from the group matches.

It was not until a five-minute spell in the first period of extra-time that Czechoslovakia really got on top for the first time. During the spell they scored twice through outside-right

Pospielchal and centre-forward Kvasnak. Centre-forward St John got both Scotland's goals in the 37th and 72nd minutes. Right-back Hiedik scored the first goal for Czechoslovakia after 71 minutes and inside-right Scherer the second in the 82nd minute. —Reuter.

## 5-2 win for England Under-23's

Rotterdam, Nov. 29. A hat-trick by Ted Farmer, the Wolverhampton Wanderers centre-forward, helped England beat Holland 5-2 in the Under-23 soccer international here this evening.

England wing-halves Bobby Moore and Alan Mullery were disappointing in the first half and the visitors were held to 1-1 at the interval. In the second half they gradually gained command.

Farmer (58th minute) and inside-right Byrne one minute later increased their lead to 3-1. Vischers, the Dutch centre-forward, reduced the lead in the 68th minute, but inside-left Fred Hill restored England's two goals advantage after 72 minutes, and three minutes later Farmer blazed in the clinching goal.

First-half scorers were Farmer in the fourth minute and Nunnings, the Dutch inside-right, in the 17th. —Reuter.

## Korean cycling champions leave for home

The Korean cyclists who swept the board in the recent Cycle Tour of Hongkong returned to Korea today by CPA.

The visitors, who took the first individual places also captured the team title. One of their riders who was injured in the first stage of the five-stage Tour, came back to win the title of King of the Mountains, when he placed first in four out of the five Hill Primes.

The overall winner was Song Ung Il, one of Korea's leading amateur cyclists. Song, winner of two stages of the Tour, is a 21-year old student.

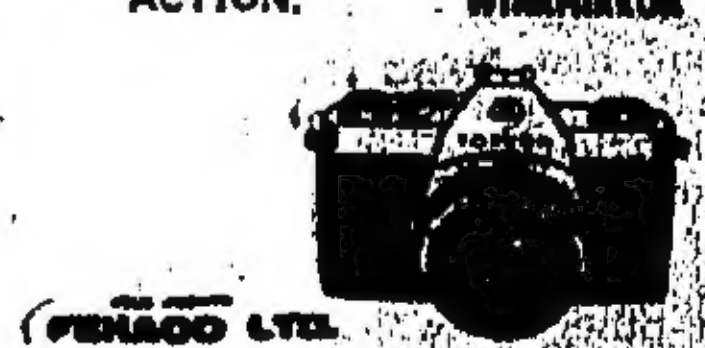
The team manager, Mr S. U. Whang, said that if the Tour were to be held next year following the Asian Games in Jakarta, his team would be more than happy to compete. He said he would speak to the Korean Amateur Cycling Association when he returned to Seoul.

The team members were Song Ung Il, Won Jung Ho, We Kyung Yong, Suk Kyang Hyun, Hung Sung Ik and Kim Yung Nam. Kim was badly injured in an accident in the first stage and took no further part in the Tour.

The Koreans were seen off at the airport by Mr Lucien Fardel, Chairman, and Mr Alan Tiskel, Secretary-General, of the Hongkong Cycling Association.

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## HK Philharmonic first winter season concert

By D. E. GRAY

THE Hongkong Philharmonic Orchestra began its winter season with a concert in Lake Yew Hall last evening. The orchestra seems to be constituted much as in recent years with Professor Foa conducting, Dr Bard leading.

## 2,500,000 UNIVERSITY JUBILEE STAMPS SOLD

Sales of the special stamp issued to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the University of Hongkong have reached 2,500,000 since September 11, the first day of issue. The Postmaster General, Mr A. G. Crook, announced today that the final date for the stamp will be Saturday, December 16, provided that stocks are not exhausted before then. The Golden Jubilee stamp will no longer be available at the Post Office after that date. The stamp was designed by the Postmaster General himself. The design includes the Royal Cypher and St Edward's Crown and features the coat of arms of the University in full colour against a blue background.



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## Chinese paintings put on display

An exhibition of Chinese landscape artist, Mr Wang Shang-yi, was opened at the St John's Cathedral Hall, Garden-road, this morning.

On display are 80 traditional Chinese paintings which Mr Wang took three years to complete in his leisure hours.



"A Pleasant Voyage" is one of Mr Wang's latest paintings.

Mr Wang, whose paintings have won acclaim in China and Hongkong, had given a number of exhibitions of his work in various places including Nanking, Chungking, Shanghai, and Macao.

Mr Wang has been teaching Chinese painting in the Colony. He was once Vice-Chairman of the Hongkong Chinese Art Club and also a member of the board of the Hongkong Festival of the Arts.

The exhibition will remain open until 7 pm on Saturday.



Mr and Mrs Karl W. Gullers, photographers by appointment to the King of Sweden. They are on a round the world trip and have been here four days. They leave by Air France today for Bangkok—China Mail photo.

## Swedish Court photographers visit Hongkong

Mr and Mrs Karl W. Gullers, photographers by appointment to the King of Sweden, left Hongkong today after a four-day stay and their first visit to the Colony.

## Woman caught cooking dog's meat fined \$10

Acting on information, a party of police raided the first floor of No 5 Tai Cheung Street in the Kowloon Walled City yesterday afternoon and found a woman, Ho Lai-fong, 28, cooking three pounds of dog's meat.

This morning she appeared before Mr J. E. Dargan at North Kowloon Magistracy for being in possession of dog's meat, and was fined \$10.

She told the magistrate that she was cooking this for her own consumption.

## 600 PEOPLE LOSE HOMES IN SQUATTER FIRE

Thirty-nine huts were destroyed and 609 people were made homeless in a fire which broke out in a squatter area of Tung Tau village, near Kowloon City, early this morning.

The fire started at about 12.30 am and was brought under control 40 minutes later. It was extinguished at 1.26 am.

A villager and a fireman received slight injuries in the fire. Six fire engines and two ambulances from the Fire Services Department responded to the alarm.

### HOT MEAL

Registration of the homeless by the Social Welfare Department began soon afterwards and was completed later this morning.

The fire victims were given a hot meal at 11 am and issued CARE blankets and kitchen utensils at the same time.

## Airlines director returns to Colony

Mr H. Bank, Regional Director, Middle and Far East Lufthansa Airlines, and Mr G. Hoehn, Field Manager in Hongkong, have just returned by Lufthansa from Tokyo after a three-day stay in Japan. The purpose of their visit was the opening of the new Lufthansa office in Osaka and attending the inauguration ceremony.

## Businessman admits 8 charges

A Hongkong businessman, extradited from Thailand ten days ago, pleaded guilty at the Victoria District Court this morning to eight charges of conspiracy to defraud the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and fraudulent conversion and falsification of accounts.

The total sums involved in these charges amounted to \$169,000. Mr W. S. W. Davidson, Crown Counsel, told Judge K. R. Macleod.

The accused is Denis Mao Chien-han, 40, a company director and business proprietor, of 73D Waterloo-road, second floor, Kowloon.

Hearing is continuing.

## F.A.O. TO TEST CONTAMINATION OF FOOD

High priority should be given to the study of radio-active contamination in food and agriculture, a major working party of the FAO Conference agreed recently.

### TOTAL SUMS

Considering the question of atomic energy in food and agriculture, Commission Two of the FAO Conference called for international study of such matters as standardising procedures for monitoring radio-active contamination of agricultural products, establishing permissible levels of contamination of food and applying these levels in practice, and decontaminating agricultural resources and products.

## To promote closer ties 200 PORTUGUESE TO VISIT MACAO

Two hundred members of the Portuguese community in Hongkong will visit Macao on December 10 to promote closer friendship among the Portuguese in the two places.

The party, which will be headed by the Portuguese Consul, Dr Joao Pequillo, and the Vice-Consul, Mr P. A. de Meneses Ribeiro, will be leaving by the ss Fat Shan at 8 am and will return at 8 pm the same day.

During the one-day stay in Macao, the party will pay a courtesy call on the Governor of Macao, Lieut. Col. Jaime Silverio Marques, at Government House, and Bishop D. Paulo Jose Tavares, in the City Hall.

The visitors will be guests of the Portuguese Government at a luncheon party to be held in Clube de Macao.

### PLAQUE

Other items will include an open-air mass at the Ruins of St Paul with Bishop Tavares officiating.

A plaque will be unveiled to commemorate the excursion, known as "Visita De Saudade". The group, one of the largest ever to visit Macao, will be warmly received by the Macao Governor.

## Hongkong Bank branch opened

The Shaukiwan branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was opened this morning by the Chief Manager, Sir Michael Turner and Lady Turner.

A bouquet was presented by Miss Fung Yuen-ye to Lady Turner who performed the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

A string of fireworks was then let off to mark the opening. This branch, situated at 308 Shaukiwan-road, is under the management of Mr. P. A. de Meneses Ribeiro, Sub-Agent and Supervisor-in-Charge.

## Great first night of drama

By JOHN LUFF

THE Hongkong Stage Club is right back in form. Six curtain calls and volleys of applause punctuated with some enthusiastic "bravos" showed that the Club's latest production, "Five Finger Exercise" has to be added to the list of the Colony's great first nights of drama.

For it was drama; drama at its best, drama from the moment the stage lights went on before a hushed house, until the curtain fell to the most enthusiastic burst of acclamation we have heard in years.

There is no need to be tardy with praise upon such an occasion, myself less so, for here is a play as difficult to perform as anything I can think of. You have five players, everyone with an individual problem, so that as the play proceeds, they weave as taut a fugue as it is possible to drop upon.

You begin to wonder how the devil they are going to resolve their problems. They don't, of course. Life proceeds as it always does. Does anyone learn anything at any time?

It might be said that the author, Peter Shaffer, is trying to say too much at one time. His main theme is addressed to a smug audience: You people sitting out there daily sit in judgment on people who use oppression, cruelty, and insincerity. But I tell you that all you critics in others is there right with you.

To achieve this, he takes a student who has left Germany disgusted with his own family who were unrepentant Nazis, to seek peace within an English family. The play heightens as

it accelerates towards a situation not unlike that which he has left in Germany in which power, pretence and insincerity are the leit-motiv.

Stephen Wallis plays the role of the German student. A most difficult piece of characterisation which beginning with a naive conception of decency found, terminates in terrifying disillusionment.

Mr Wallis handled this role with expert appreciation, so well indeed that one could dare to promise a successful professional career if he chose to follow the stage.

Jean Ramage, as the mother of an ill-assorted family, as good a snob and poseur as Bourne-mouth could produce was simply and literally great. A long sustained role with as tortuous a twist at the end as possible, she took it in her stride and emerged triumphant.

Gerald Strickland as the self-made industrialist took competent command of his character role and firmly established it in the opening moments of the play.

Ian MacCallum is the neurotic son. A most complex character study, with hints of strange perversion, he has all the inhibitions of an unsteady character set against an insecure domestic background. He has two splendid opportunities of bringing off theatre surprise, and in both situations, he broke through with the accomplishment of a natural actor.

Pat Soames, as the young daughter of the household, too young then to quite understand what is around and about her, brings a right balance to her role.

Now the reasons for the success of this play are as follows. First the tempo. It would be impossible for any audience to understand the play if the characters were not established before the plot gathers speed. That was the beauty of it. Once the situation is made, the play swings into action.

Nancy O'Connell has produced as fine a performance as has been seen in years. She has instructed her players, has formed a fine team, so that they fit the plot, and no character is permitted to distort a scene by imposing any private interpretation of the character. The set is excellent, the lighting most effective, but best of all, plot clues are timed perfectly.

Such a performance, given last night, and every night up to Saturday, is worthy of the long drama traditions of Hongkong.

From the Files

**25 years AGO**

November 1936

BEFORE a packed gathering at the Constitution Fete in Bangkok, with people from Ministers of State and downwards in boxes at 50 ticals for six seats, the new Miss Siam was elected.

She was duly honoured and made much of. A horde of photographers made themselves a nuisance taking the new beauty's picture and since then she has been in demand at football matches, tea fights and everywhere. She is the daughter of a retired provincial governor.

After five days' reign, however, the runner-up in the beauty competition has lodged a petition for her deposition on the grounds that she is under 16, the qualifying age, and quotes the birth registration certificate in support of this allegation.

The father's reply to the allegation was that a mistake was made at the registry office when the baby was registered.

There the matter rests for the moment, and the petition of the runner-up is being considered by the selection committee.

Miss Surasathadani, who went on to Bangkok in order to participate in the "Miss Siam" contests from the peninsula, was fortunate in winning a third prize in the Municipal Lottery amounting to £1,000, which was some compensation for not winning the beauty prize, writes Abigail in the Women's Page.

Shanghai.

Sixteen prisoners were shot dead and several others wounded in a sensational jailbreak attempt at Ninghai, near Ningpo.

The convicts, many of whom are serving long terms, made a mad stampede to secure arms, but failed.

One hundred prisoners participated in the attempt. Warden made no attempt to fire on the prisoners until the arrival of the Warden, who first issued a warning, and when it was ignored, gave orders to shoot.

Some 50 men serving short terms surrendered, but the others remained defiant until 18 of their number had been killed.

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